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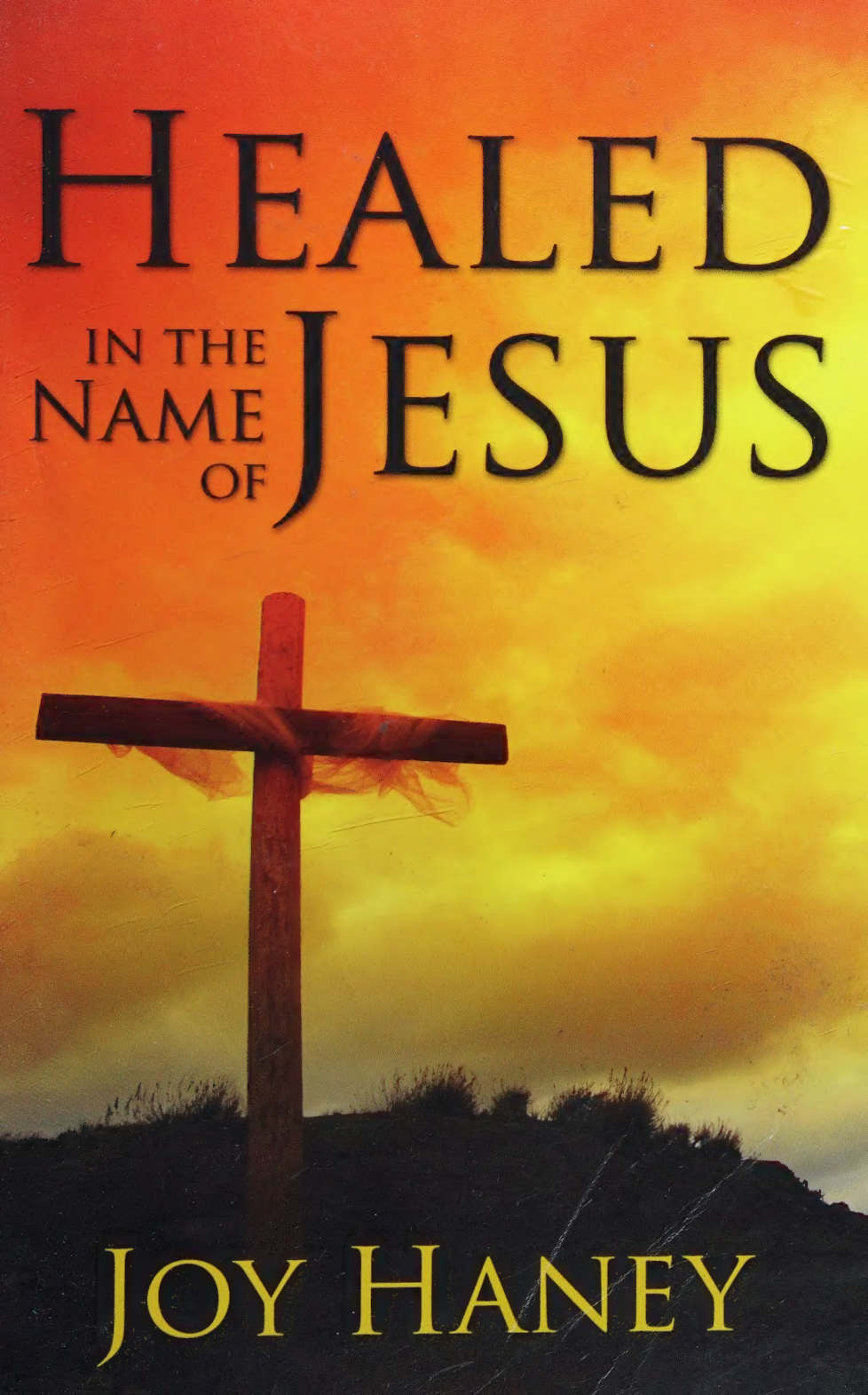

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Sis. Schellhardt

We know you had a birthday
a few weeks ago on Feb 6th
Hope it was a good one. We
want to honor you and thank
You for the great work you
are doing. God sees every
Sacrifice and ~~trial~~ trial (sorry)

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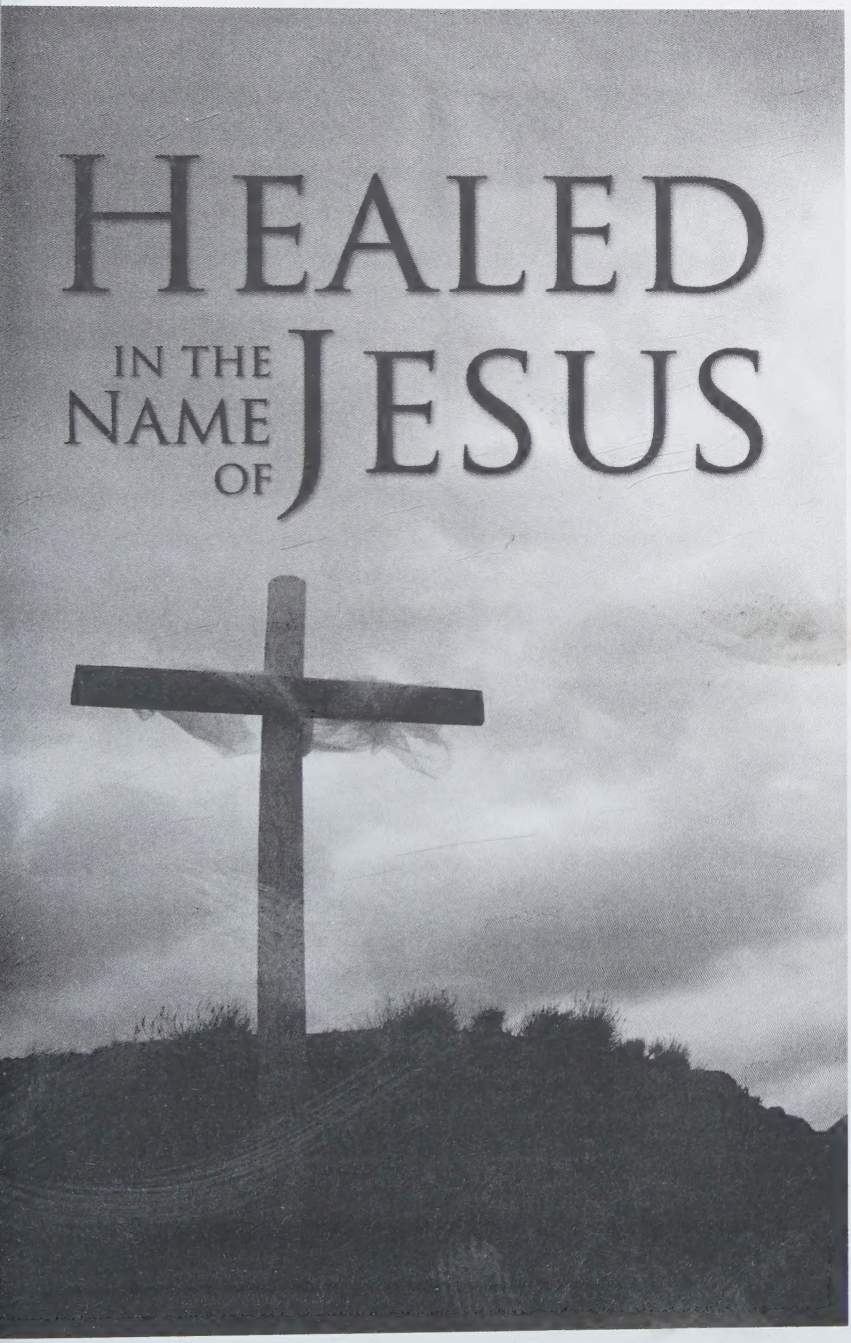
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FOREWORD

I believe this book is to be printed at this time because of divine intervention. I had worked on the manuscript while living in Stockton, before we moved to St. Louis, in the winter of 2001. Then in 2004 I worked on it a little more, saved it on a disk, and totally forgot about it.

While working on another book this year (April 2008), I inserted this disk, and there it was: the original title *Healed in Jesus' Name!*

I told my husband about what happened, and he said I should finish the book and get it published now. So immediately I set to work to accomplish this.

May it be a blessing to you, your friends, and your family, and may the Lord heal you of all your diseases in Jesus' name!

Mustard Seed Faith

He took the loaves and fishes few
  And fed the hungry throng.
He saw the mite of faith he had
  And made the cripple strong.

He took the lumps of clay and gave
  The blind man precious sight.
He, seeing Mary's trust in Him,
  Brought Lazarus back to light.

He takes my whispered, silent prayer,
  My faith like mustard seed
And makes what once was vague and dim
  Reality indeed!

—Chorsten Christensen[1]

1

Have Faith in God!

The key to healing is found in Mark 11:22: "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God."

There can be no healing without faith! "Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

Faith has been described many different ways. Some of those descriptions are listed below:

Hebrews 11:1: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

"Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible."[2]

Faith is not believing that God can but that God will!

Faith is only believing God will do what you know He said in His Word that He would do.

"Faith doesn't care anything about what the natural eye can see, the natural ear can hear, or the physical body

can feel. Faith sees only Omnipotence. The natural eyes see only the great walls of Jericho, the natural ears hear only the taunting of the enemy, but faith sees the walls fallen and the enemy conquered. . . . The natural body feels the gnawing pains of the cancer, but faith sees that vile thing, dried up and consumed by the healing power of Jehovah-Rapha, 'the Lord that healeth thee.'

"When reason argues with faith, faith just smiles unwaveringly. . . . Faith reckons a work as finished even before it is completely manifested. Faith is a persistent force. Faith relies on the ability of God. Faith knows no defeat. Faith is never nervous. Faith never trembles, and is never overpowered."

—T. L. Osborn[3]

Faith is dead to doubts, dumb to discouragements, blind to impossibilities, knows nothing but success. Faith lifts its hands up through the threatening clouds, lays hold of Him who has all power in heaven and on earth. Faith makes the uplook good, the outlook bright, the inlook favorable, and the future glorious.

—Dr. V. Raymond Edman[4]

Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

—Augustine[5]

"Faith is the tongue by which we taste how good the Lord is. A feverish tongue is nevertheless a tongue. And even then we may believe when we are without the smallest portion of comfort; for our faith is founded not

upon feelings but upon the promises of God."

—George Mueller

Many people operate on the theory, "Seeing is believing," but that is the opposite of faith. Jesus said in John 20:29: "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

Faith and Doubt

Doubt sees the obstacles.
Faith sees the way!
Doubt sees the darkest night.
Faith sees the day.
Doubt dreads to take a step.
Faith soars on high!
Doubt questions, "Who believes?"
Faith answers, "I!"

—Gospel Banner[6]

The Bible promises that you can have anything you ask, if the request is accompanied with faith. The following verses of Scripture emphatically state that you shall have what you ask for:

Matthew 17:20: "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

John 15:7: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

John 14:14: "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."

Mark 11:24: "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

In summary the believer is promised the following four things:

a. Nothing Shall be Impossible Unto You.
b. Ask What You Will, and It Shall be Done.
c. Ask Anything in Jesus' Name, and He Will Do It!
d. Whatsoever Things You Desire When You Pray, You Shall Have Them.

Never put a question mark where God has put a period! Just become like a little child and simply believe, as stated in Matthew 18:3: "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

God Will Not Lie!

Numbers 23:19: "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

I Kings 8:56: "There hath not failed one word of all his good promise."

Psalm 119:89: "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."

Hebrews 6:18: "That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie."

Psalm 89:34: "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips."

God Will Do The Impossible

Look what God did for Moses and the children of Israel when He delivered them from Egypt. "He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes" (Psalm 105:37).

There is a controversy on how many people there actually were, but most theologians agree that the children of Israel numbered between three and six million. It is difficult to imagine how this many people could have no weak, sick, or feeble among them, but with God all things are possible! If the Word declared it to be true, then it is true. There were no feeble among them!

If three to six million people could be well at one time under the Old Covenant, how much more should God's people enjoy healing under the New Covenant? "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises" (Hebrews 8:6).

Faith is obeying God's Word and expecting God to do what He tells us that He will do even though it seems impossible. This is exemplified many times throughout the Scriptures as shown below:

- Noah built the ark; God sent the flood.
- Moses stretched out his rod; God parted the waters.

- Elisha threw the stick in the river; God made the iron to swim.
- Joshua and the people marched around Jericho; God made the walls to fall.
- Naaman dipped in the river seven times; God healed him of leprosy.
- Elijah drenched the sacrifice; God sent the fire.
- Abraham made ready the sacrifice; God sent a ram.

It is very important to obey God's Word, for "to obey is better than sacrifice" (I Samuel 15:22). It does not matter how difficult or impossible anything is, for God knows no impossibilities. He was before time. He is the Creator of the world. He knows every star by its name. He cannot fail. A portion of His glorious nature is described in Isaiah 40:21-22, 26, 28 as shown below:

Verse 21: "Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?"

Verse 22: "It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in."

Verse 26: "Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth."

Verse 28: "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding."

Nothing is Too Hard, and it is Never Too Late!

The following examples depict the fact that although it may seem too late or impossible for man to do anything, with God it is a light thing and nothing is beyond Him. God created time; therefore, time is under His control. No one is too "bad off," as the saying goes, for Jesus to heal and make whole.

1. The little woman with the issue of blood is shown in Mark 5:25-26 to be without hope.

   Verse 25: "And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,"

   Verse 26: "And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse."

   The result: Jesus healed her and made her whole! "And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague" (Mark 5:34).

2. The daughter of Jairus was dead, but it was not too late for Jesus. He said about her condition, "Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth" (Mark 5:39).

   What did Jesus do? "And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise" (Mark 5:41).

   The result: Jesus restored life unto her. "And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment" (Mark 5:42).

3. Bartimaeus was considered by most people to be just another hopeless, blind man, but that was not Jesus' viewpoint. When Bartimaeus asked for Jesus to show mercy on him, Jesus asked what he wanted Him to do. Bartimaeus answered, "Lord, that I might receive my sight" (Mark 10:51).

   The result: Jesus spoke a word of faith, and immediately Bartimaeus received his sight.

Did the early church continue to do miracles such as these? See the following examples that prove they did:

1. The story of the man sick of the palsy is told in Acts 9:33-34:

   Verse 33: "And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy."

   Verse 34: "And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. **And he arose immediately**."

2. Dorcas was raised from the dead in Acts 9:36-37, 39-40:

   Verse 36: "Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did."

   Verse 37: "And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber."

   Verse 39: "Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper

chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them."

Verse 40: "But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up."

The Spirit of Jesus was so strong inside Peter that he had boldness to speak with authority to a dead person. She recognized the Spirit that breathed through Peter, and she responded to the command.

3. Paul spoke life back into a man that fell three stories and died, in Acts 20:9-10, 12.

Verse 9: "And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead."

Verse 10: "And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him."

Verse 12: "And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted."

We know Paul was preaching about Jesus because that was his main message. He emphatically stated in I Corinthians 2:2-5:

Verse 2: "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

Verse 3: "And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling."

Verse 4: "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:"

Verse 5: "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

What a demonstration!

Is this same power available today? A pastor in Acapulco, Mexico, related the story of a man who had been baptized in Jesus' name only two weeks prior to an accident. He was working on the roof of a two-story building, trying to repair some leaks, when suddenly he fell off the roof. He was picked up—already dead from the concussion!

Those present said his head was crushed such that it felt like a balloon when they touched it. Some of the brethren of the church who were nearby began to pray in Jesus' name! Thirty minutes later, Luis Vega came to his senses, not only raised back to life but completely well. Jesus is still the resurrection and the life!

Jeremiah 32:17 sums it all up: "Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee."

CAST NOT AWAY YOUR CONFIDENCE

"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward" (Hebrews 10:35).

"Now the just shall live by faith" (Hebrews 10:38).

When sickness comes, that is the time to renew your confidence in God, to pray the Word, and to believe by faith that your situation is so that you can have a praise report. Many people want the testimony of victory, but they do not

relish going through the trial to obtain it.

On December 7, 1999, Mabel Deshields of Stockton, California, USA, received the following report, which was the result of a pharmacological stress myocardial perfusion scan on December 1, at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Group:

FINDINGS:

There is a large grade III/III perfusion abnormality throughout the inferior wall. There is a grade I/III perfusion abnormality in the anterior wall. There is a grade III/III perfusion abnormality in the apex. This is contiguous with the inferior wall perfusion abnormality. There is extension of the perfusion abnormalities into the inferior aspect of the septal wall. There is also significant stress induced left ventricular dilatation.

IMPRESSION:

1. Very large reversible perfusion abnormality in the inferior wall, consistent with ischemia, involving a large vascular territory in the distribution of the right coronary artery.
2. Perfusion abnormalities which are small in the anterior wall and the apex, which are reversible, consistent with ischemia, involving small vascular territories (LAD for the anterior wall perfusion abnormality).

NOTE:

Findings have been called via phone to Dr. Chris Flores of internal medicine.

Mabel decided to keep her confidence in the Lord. Prayer was made by the church and the ladies' prayer group in the name of Jesus! One week later she went back for another test. She received the following letter on December 27, 1999, from Chris Flores, MD:

Dear Mabel,

I have enclosed copies of your two heart stress tests. As I discussed with you I cannot explain the large difference between the two exams which were one week apart. The first one shows severe "ischemis"—low, impaired blood flow to the heart muscle. This situation leads to heart attacks. The second exam shows normal blood flow to the heart muscle.

I guess the "scientific" cause for this difference would be that there is built-in error or variability in every type of exam we do, and that the discrepancy in the rest results can be explained by this built-in error. In other words, some would say that your heart didn't change at all, rather the exams were done slightly differently and the interpretations were different.

However, this scientific explanation is hard to accept since your two examinations were so dramatically different. In these situations I believe that we must consider the possibility of the intervention by a greater power, a miracle of faith or divine intervention.

Believe the Word, Not Your Doubts

Mark 11:24: "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

Notice the verse prior to this. Mark 11:23 particularly addresses the subject of doubt. When speaking to a mountain, one of the requirements for receiving the miracle is that a person "shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

When God's Word is involved, it requires simple belief, not doubt! This is demonstrated in the story of Peter's vision on the housetop. God was trying to tell him something, but Peter doubted his own ability to understand what the Spirit was saying, because it was totally against the Mosaic law. So God sent a word to address the subject of doubt.

Acts 10:17-20 sheds light on the doubt Peter dealt with inside himself.

Verse 17: "Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,"

Verse 18: "And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there."

Verse 19: "While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee."

Verse 20: "Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them."

While Peter thought! Many people's thoughts get them into trouble. Their thoughts of doubt grow bigger and bigger

until all faith is crowded out of the mind. The Spirit is saying to the church today, "Arise, and get thee down, and go: doubting nothing." Do not sit on your thoughts of doubt too long; they just might turn into a stone.

Zechariah 7:12 describes how the heart can become like a stone instead of a pulsating organ of life and miracles: "Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts."

Notice what happens when the heart becomes like a stone of doubt. It closes the door to a miracle from God. Zechariah 7:13 records the awful result: "Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts."

In other words, *if we refuse to hear and believe God's Word by acting in faith upon it, then God will refuse to hear us.*

GOD HATH CALLED YOU TO SUFFERING BUT NOT TO SICKNESS

First Peter 5:10 states, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."

People sometimes mistake the word *suffered* that is used here for the word *sickness*. The Greek word used here for suffer is *pasko*. It does not mean "suffer with sickness." The same word *pasko* is used forty-two times in the New Testa-

ment, but none of them are connected with sickness. Some of the references are listed below:

Matthew 27:19: "When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have *suffered* many things this day in a dream because of him" (emphasis mine). This was Pilate's wife in reference to Jesus.

Luke 9:22: "Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day." Jesus was never sick, but He suffered rejection and scorn.

Hebrews 9:26: "For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

I Peter 3:16-17: "Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing." This is suffering the pain of evil speaking.

I Peter 4:1: "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind." Jesus was beaten and crucified but was not sick.

Remember, Jesus was never physically sick. He came to

heal, not to make people sick!

I Peter 4:12-16:

Verse 12: "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:"

Verse 13: "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

Verse 14: "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified."

Verse 15: "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters."

Verse 16: "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed: but let him glorify God on this behalf."

My father-in-law, the late Rev. Clyde J. Haney, used to talk about a man with whom he was acquainted, who lived in Lodi, the small town adjacent to Stockton, where we lived. Dr. Charles S. Price (1887-1947) was pastor of the Lodi Bethel Temple and received the infilling of the Holy Spirit under the ministry of Aimee Semple McPherson when he attended one of her meetings. In 1922, Dr. Price began the work of an evangelist and became quite a faith healer. Many people were healed under his ministry. He had great faith and wrote the following about the ministry of suffering in his small magazine called *Golden Grain*:

Have you not heard people talk about the ministry of suffering? Of course you have. There is such a thing as the ministry of suffering, but it certainly does not mean that it is a ministry of sickness. There is a ministry of tribulation also, but neither does that mean a ministry of sickness. We are told that if we *suffer with Him* (Christ) we shall also reign with Him. But that does not say or mean that *if we be sick or infirm* with Christ then we shall reign with Him. . . . Always remember that when Jesus spoke of sin and of sickness He spoke of them as evils from which He came to deliver us.

Has it not occurred to you that Christ bore our sins and sicknesses, but did not bear our sufferings? He told His disciples that they would have to bear their cross, but He did not mean that it was to be a cross of sickness. He very clearly taught that we should resign ourselves to the carrying of our burden, to the weight of our cross, and sometimes even to a load of *suffering*, but never did He tell His disciples or us that we should resign ourselves to sickness and to disease. On the contrary, He battled it, He fought it, He hated it, He cast it out; and everywhere He went the sick were healed by Him.

God Can Do Anything

God can do anything, anything—anything.
God can do anything but fail.
He can save; He can heal.
He can fill, and He will.
God can do anything but fail.

—Herbert Buffam

2

God Wants To Heal You

The Bible contains God's last will and testament. Part of it instructs that it is His will for His children to be in health. Jesus is the Testator of the will, and after His death, He was resurrected and became the Mediator of the will. He is our lawyer or advocate and will not cheat us out of the will. The will states: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (III John 2).

Hebrews 10:7 proves that Jesus was the Testator: "Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God."

Jesus said in John 6:38-39, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me."

By the incident that was recorded in John 9, we know

that it is God's will to heal. Jesus spoke the following words prior to healing a blind man: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). Jesus was carrying out God's will on earth, and that was to heal. His will and power have not changed or diminished! "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8).

Jesus healed everyone who asked Him for healing. He healed them all. This was the will of the Father.

Matthew 12:15: "But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all."

Matthew 14:36: "And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole."

Luke 4:40: "Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them."

Luke 6:19: "And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all."

Matthew 8:16: "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick."

Notice that the next verse shows that Matthew 8:16 was part of the fulfillment of God's will. (The death, burial, and resurrection were the completion of the will.) "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

That prophecy is found in Isaiah 53:4-5:

Verse 4: "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted."

Verse 5: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

The question is: If Jesus has borne our griefs and sorrows and been beaten for our healing, why should we carry them? If He carried them, why should we? We are to cast our cares upon Him.

Sometimes we have not because we ask not. Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you" (Matthew 7:7).

Healing is for anyone who needs to be healed, not for a select few. James 5:14 says, "Is **any** sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord" (emphasis mine).

Notice the word *any*. The Scripture clearly states that healing is for whosoever will!

Don't Let Pride Keep You from Being Healed!

Some people do not want others to know about their sicknesses for various reasons; therefore, they do not obey James 5:14. They choose to suffer in silence, battling in their own minds and beating themselves up because they feel like they do not have the faith to be healed.

It is better to ask for others to help you pray for a miracle than to suffer alone. To suffer alone is not biblical! "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). It does not make you any less of a Christian to have a sickness in your body. A sickness or disease many

times is to show forth the glory of God; therefore, the more people who know about it, the more will glorify the Lord when you are healed.

Jesus proved this when He was asked a question by His disciples in John 9:2-3:

Verse 2: "And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Verse 3: "Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinner, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him."

The Difference Between *Sick* and *Afflicted*

James 5:13 says, "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray."

James 5:14-15 says, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up."

Affliction means "mental distress." It is connected with trouble, hardship, or tribulation. If anyone is going through a trial that is causing him mental anguish, great heartache, or anxiety, the way to overcome is to pray until!

Sick means a physical problem that brings sickness or disease. The only kind of prayer that will raise a person from a sickbed is the "prayer of faith"! Sympathy prayers do not work. Weak, insipid prayers that are of a questioning nature do not work. Only prayers prayed with authority in the name of Jesus will be effective!

Healing of the Sick Was Part of the Early Church

Acts 8:6-7: "And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed."

Acts 3:6: "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." The person being healed was the lame man who had sat by Gate Beautiful most of his life. He was lame from his mother's womb.

Acts 14:8-10: "And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: the same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked."

Acts 5:15-16: "Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one."

Christ's Commission

Jesus sent the twelve disciples to heal. Matthew 10:5, 8:

Verse 5: "These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go."

Verse 8: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead,

cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."

Mark 6:13: "And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them."

He sent the seventy to heal. Luke 10:1, 9:

Verse 1: "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come."

Verse 9: "And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you."

He sent the church, all who believe. Mark 16:16-18:

Verse 16: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Verse 17: "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;"

Verse 18: "They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Again He spoke to the church. James 5:14-15:

Verse 14: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."

Verse 15: "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up."

Anointing with Oil

It is scriptural to anoint with oil as shown in the references below:

Mark 6:13: "They cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them."

James 5:14: The elders were instructed to anoint the sick with oil in the name of the Lord. "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."

Healing for our bodies is still the will of God. God did not take away this promise in the Bible. It was not just for the people who walked the earth during Christ's ministry. Neither was it just for the early church and the apostles! Nothing has changed; God's Word is still the same. The question is, "Do we believe it as such?"

God Wants to Work Strongly in Your Behalf!

Second Chronicles 16:9 states, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."

God is able to do "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," according to Ephesians 3:20.

He did this for five-year-old Josselin Prireto in Sopena, Guanajuato, Mexico. She began suffering from lupus in July 1998. Due to the seizures, she was eventually left paralyzed in her whole body, including the brain. She was kept in the hospital for two months, but then her insurance coverage ran out. One of the doctors told the parents, "It's best for us to tell you the truth. Because of the high fever and convulsions, your daughter's brain has become like jelly. She'll never be able to recuperate."

The parents, however, became determined to believe

God for their daughter's healing. She was taken to services at a church pastored by Juan Reyes. They brought Josselin in a wheeled bed with oxygen tubes in her nose and feeding tubes in her stomach.

In a ladies' prayer service on September 1, God began to do a special work in Josselin's body. When they prayed for her in Jesus' name, she was able to eat without the tube in her stomach not long after. She improved so much that she was completely healed. Now, when the Spirit of the Lord begins to move in the church services, little Josselin joins the rest of the believers in worship to God, praising Him and dancing in His presence.

Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit!

I Corinthians 6:19-20:

Verse 19: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

Verse 20: "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

These two verses of Scripture are a continuation of a discourse forbidding fornication. It is true God wants clean vessels to dwell in, free from fornication and sin, inside and out. Since the body belongs to God, He also has the power to keep it in health, and if sickness and disease visit the temple, God has given to His church power so that the prayer of faith will raise the body back to a state of health.

John 9 relates a story of a man who was born blind. The disciples asked the question of Jesus, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" First, how can an unborn child sin? We know, of course, that sin is inher-

ent within all mankind, but they were asking if the baby had sinned.

"Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him" (John 9:3). God wanted His glory to be made known. This is an example of what God wants to do for our bodies. The stripes were laid on His back so that we could be healed, therefore glorifying God in our bodies.

When the Scripture says, "Ye are bought with a price," remember Jesus did it for us. He did not need to do it for Himself. He already had power over Satan. He had no sin. He had no sickness or disease. He was perfection. His creation had fallen into a state of disarray; therefore, He bought the redemption for mankind. We can conquer sin, disease, and sickness through Him! "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37).

We were bound, but Jesus set us free. We were weak in our flesh, but the Lord became our strength. We were sick, but Christ has borne our sicknesses.

Healing Through Jesus

Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue,
Cried, "Jesus, come and heal my daughter,"
And on His way, He met a woman
Who was sick with an issue of blood.

She said, "If I may touch His clothes,"
And so she went to where He was,
Pushed her way through the crowd.
She touched and was made whole.

Jairus's daughter had now died,
But Jesus said, "Be not afraid, only believe!"
He went and took her hand
And said, "Arise," and she arose.

Blind Bartimaeus, the blind man,
Cried, "Jesus, have mercy on me."
Jesus said, "What wilt thou?"
He answered, "To receive my sight."

Jesus said, "Go thy way;
Thy faith hath made thee whole."
To all who cry, "Have mercy on me!"
He helps; He heals and causes to see.

Jesus heals; Jesus saves and makes whole.
He loves the unlovely and heals the soul.
Healing through Jesus' name,
He is today and forever the same!

—Joy L. Haney

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Healing Comes Through the Lord Jesus

"I am the LORD that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).

When sin entered the Garden of Eden, sickness and disease also were introduced into the human race. When the devil tricked Eve into taking a bite of the fruit, he was doing what came naturally—to destroy people both spiritually and physically. But Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil, as I John 3:8 states: "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

There was no sickness until first there was the sin of disobedience. Humanity was infected with the curse of sin and

sickness through the sin of Adam and Eve and was put in bondage to Satan. Deuteronomy 28:22 shows that, under the dispensation of law, sickness was part of the curse: "The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew: and they shall pursue thee until thou perish."

Galatians 3:13-14 declares that Christ has redeemed us from that curse:

Verse 13: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:"

Verse 14: "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

What was the Promise of the Spirit?

Luke 4:18 states the purpose of Christ's coming: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

Notice what Jesus did immediately following this reading. First, He met a man which had a spirit of an unclean devil. "And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him and hurt him not" (Luke 4:35).

The people were astonished! "And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this!

for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out" (Luke 4:36).

The next thing Jesus did was perform a physical healing. The story is told in Luke 4:38-39:

Verse 38: "And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her."

Verse 39: "And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them."

Jesus is the Answer!

It is interesting to note that sin of the soul and sickness of the body are coupled in the passages of Scriptures listed below. Jesus is the forgiver of sins and the healer of sickness. Of course, forgiveness of sin is the most important, for salvation is essential! It needs to be understood that because one is sick does not mean that he or she has sinned. Job is an example of that. Some of the finest Christians are struck down with the worst diseases. Yes, good people get sick, but Jesus is the healer!

Psalm 103:3-4: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction."

Matthew 9:5-6: "For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house."

Isaiah 53:5: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of

our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

From sin we have redemption by the precious shed blood of Jesus Christ, and from sickness we have healing through the stripes borne by Jesus on His back. The diseases and sicknesses of your body were laid on Jesus. He has borne them.

Jesus Himself Bore Our Physical Sicknesses

Matthew 8:16 records what Jesus did after healing Peter's mother-in-law: "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick."

The next verse shows that the miracles were a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matthew 8:17).

The Greek word for "sicknesses" used here is *nosos*. This denotes physical healing. It is the same word used in Matthew 4:24: "And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them."

Let your health spring forth speedily as you believe in the power of the healer. Isaiah 58:8 speaks of this speedy healing: "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward."

God Heals Sickness and Infirmities; Satan Sends Them

The story is told of a woman who had an infirmity eighteen years. She was bowed together and could not lift herself. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on a Sabbath, and He saw her. "And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity" (Luke 13:12).

"And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God" (Luke 13:13).

The ruler of the synagogue was indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath day, and he told the people, "There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day" (Luke 13:14).

The pious man did not have the infirmity, so it was easy for him to be legalistic and proclaim what the law said, instead of rejoicing with the woman who had just been set free.

Jesus told him in no uncertain words what he was in Luke 13:15-16: "The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?"

Notice Jesus told them that Satan had bound her, causing her bondage. The thief comes to kill and destroy, but Jesus comes to heal and set free!

BY HIS STRIPES

Years ago in a far-off land
A baby was born and became man.
To a world of sin and sickness He came.
Jesus was His precious name!

He loved; He gave His very life
So man could be delivered from sin and strife.
He set free; He healed the lame.
To all He met He did the same.

And for this, what did He receive?
The rulers chose not to believe.
They incited the people against Him,
And they cried, "Crucify, crucify Him!"

They bound Him and took Him away,
And on His back many stripes they laid.
"For by His stripes ye were healed."
For our sins He was brutally killed.

It was not a pretty story,
But in it all was great glory!
He took the keys to death, hell, and the grave
So that we could be healed and gloriously saved!

—Joy L. Haney

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By His Stripes

"The Mosaic economy ordained that an offender might be punished with stripes (Leviticus 19:20; Deuteronomy 22:18), not exceeding forty (Deuteronomy 25:3); and this limit was carefully observed, as on St. Paul (II Corinthians 11:24), for a single stroke in excess subjected the executioner to punishment. The scourge was composed of three thongs, of which thirty-nine was the largest multiple within the limit."[7]

Pilate was Roman governor of Judea, 26-37 A.D. He assumed the office about the time that Jesus began his public ministry. His official residence was at Caesarea. He came to Jerusalem at the time of the Feasts to keep order. He is the one who ordered Jesus to be beaten by the Romans.

"Scourging usually preceded capital punishment. In this case Pilate seems to have hoped that the multitudes would consider it to be sufficient punishment. Scourging was done with a whip which was made of a number of leather thongs weighted with pieces of lead or sharp metal. The victim was

stripped to the waist, then bound, in a bent-over position, to a post, and beaten on the bare back with the scourge till the flesh was all torn open. Sometimes death resulted."[8]

The Old Testament states in Isaiah 53:5, "With his stripes we are healed."

The New Testament goes a step further, for it says the work was done at Calvary. We *were* healed. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 2:24).

"And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified" (Mark 15:15).

"Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him" (John 19:1).

"Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified" (Matthew 27:26).

If We are Healed by His Stripes, Why Lay on Hands?

First, the reason for the laying on of hands is because it is a biblical practice. Secondly, could it be that since hands were used to beat Jesus, pluck His beard, smite Him, place a crown of thorns on His head, drive the nails into His hands and feet, and nail Him to a cross, God wanted to show the difference between evil hands and hands that were an extension of God's power?

Notice what the enemy did to Jesus in Mark 14:46: "And they laid their hands on him, and took him."

Jesus let the very thing men had used against Him have

the power, after being filled with the Spirit, to heal people instead of to hurt people.

Could it be that God is showing the devil that the tools he used to betray and kill Jesus, He can take and use for His glory?

1. *Mark 16:18*: "They [believers] shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

   The Spirit of God dwells inside the believer. The power of God heals the sick when hands are laid on the ailing in Jesus' name.

2. Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, said to Jesus in Mark 5:23, "My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live."

   Hands are a point of contact. Jairus knew that Jesus had *healing hands*. Touching transfers something! When Jesus went to the daughter, "He took the damsel by the hand." He touched her.

3. Luke 13:11-14 tells the story of the woman with the infirmity. Jesus not only spoke to her, but He also laid hands on her. "And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God" (Luke 13:13).

4. Mark 8:22-23 demonstrates the touch of the hands of Jesus on a blind man. The people who brought the blind man to Jesus wanted Him to "touch him."

   Notice in the following verses how Jesus kept touching him:

Verse 23: "And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town: and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought."

Verse 24: "And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking."

Verse 25: "After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly."

5. Mark 9:17-27 shows that Jesus spoke to a deaf and dumb spirit, and the spirit cried and came out of the child. But the child lay on the ground as one dead until many of the people cried, "He is dead."

   "But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose" (Mark 9:27).

6. Paul laid hands on Publius's father in Acts 28:8: "And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him."

God has Spoken: His Word is True

Mark 16:18: "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

I Kings 8:56: "There hath not failed one word of all his good promise."

Ezekiel 12:25: "For I am the Lord: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass."

II Corinthians 1:20: "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."

Stand on His Word!

II Corinthians 1:24: "By faith ye stand."

I Corinthians 2:5: "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

The Power of the Word

The Word is a bright and shining light
That expels the darkness of the night.
It has supernatural, mighty power
To make the enemy retreat and cower!

In the beginning was God, the Word,
And was power to all those who heard.
He sent His Word and healed them;
The authority of the Word was in Him!

Sickness and death had to flee
When He spoke with victory!
The Word will forever stand,
Triumphing and healing the land!

Strength and energy are in its pages
And has never failed through the ages!
Its wisdom directs, inspires, and lifts
All of those in need of its special gifts.

You can fight it, burn it, and disbelieve;
Satan can twist it and use it to deceive!
Men can doubt and cast it away,
But it will be there on that great and final day!

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The Power of God's Word

"He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions" (Psalm 107:20).

God's promises are "life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh" (Proverbs 4:22).

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

If a person allows the Word to live inside them at all times, abiding permanently and ruling the spirit, he can have whatsoever he asks!

Faith Comes by the Word

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

It is important to read God's Word, feed on the Word, live in the Word, and let it produce faith in the heart. The

Word gives light. "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Psalm 119:130).

The Word must be supreme in your life! Do not allow any symptom to change your attitude toward God or His Word. "Faith does not look at or live in bondage to the present circumstances, but rather it overrules circumstances and determines destiny by walking in the light of promised accomplishments."

When a person is prayed for, it is best to confess not how they feel, but confess the Word. One preacher said, "Don't lie about your pain—neither confess it." If someone asks how you are feeling after being prayed for, answer with the Word of God: "By His stripes we are healed. They have laid hands on me and prayed, and I shall recover as the Word promises, for God cannot lie. Praise God for the healing!"

God's Word is True! It is Powerful and Forever

I Kings 8:56: "There hath not failed one word of all his good promise."

Ezekiel 12:25, 28: "For I am the Lord: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass. . . The word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord God."

II Corinthians 1:20: "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."

Isaiah 40:8: "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

Psalm 119:89: "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."

Psalm 147:15: "He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly."

Lamentations 2:17: "The LORD hath done that which he had devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old."

Joel 2:11: "And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word."

Isaiah 55:11: "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Matthew 24:35: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

Pray The Word Over Sickness

When you pray, quote the Word and hold God to His promises. Refuse to believe anything but the Word. Claim the promises by faith! Crowd your mind with the Word! Keep quoting and praying the Word! The Word is alive and pulsating. Think on the Word!

Pray the following:

Romans 1:16: "The gospel . . . is the power of God . . . to every one that believeth."

God's promises are "life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh" (Proverbs 4:22). *"God, Your promises are health to my flesh."*

Exodus 15:26: "I am the LORD that healeth thee." *"You are the Lord God that heals me!"*

Matthew 8:7: "I will come and heal him." *"Jesus, come and heal me!"*

Psalm 30:2: "O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me." *"You are healing me right now. There*

is healing coming into my body!"

Psalm 107:20: "He sent his word, and healed them." *"Send Your Word and heal me!"*

Isaiah 53:5: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." *"By Your stripes, I am healed!"*

Matthew 8:8: "Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." *"Speak the word only, and I shall be healed!"*

Matthew 12:15: "Great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all." *"As You healed all, heal me!"*

Acts 14:8-9: "And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: the same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked." *"Help me to have faith to be healed!"*

I Peter 2:24: "By whose stripes ye were healed." *"By Your stripes I have already been healed!"*

Psalm 103:2-3: "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine inquities; who healeth all thy diseases." *"You are healing all my disease!"*

Malachi 4:2: "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings." *"Arise with healing in Your wings, and come and heal me!"*

Proverbs 16:24: "Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones." *"Help me to speak Your Word so that health will come."*

Isaiah 58:8: "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and

thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward."

Jeremiah 30:17: "For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee." *"Heal and restore me!"*

III John 2: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." *"It is Your will for me to be in health. Thank You for restoring my health to me!"*

Jeremiah 17:14: "Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise."

Jeremiah 33:6: "Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth." *"Jesus, You will bring me health and cure!"*

PRAYING THE WORD IS THE MOST POWERFUL WAY TO PRAY!

The Word pulsates with life and has supremacy over every situation. In Judges 6, when the angel of the Lord told Gideon that he was chosen to be the leader who would bring the Israelites to victory against the enemy [the Midianites], there was at first disbelief on the part of Gideon. When it was all said and done, Gideon went forth with three hundred men, who had no weapons except those God had given them. They were to hold a pitcher in one hand that housed a light, and a trumpet in the other hand. God instructed Gideon that when he blew his trumpet, every man was then to blow his trumpet also and cry, "The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon." Then they were to break the pitcher and let the light shine.

This speaks to me of the power of the Word in spiritual warfare. The Word is a light (Psalm 119:105) and shines into the darkness with penetrating force of power. The voice was likened to a trumpet in Isaiah 58:1, and the voice was crying forth the Word of God. The Word of God is likened to a sword in Ephesians 6:17 and also in Hebrews 4:12: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword." Nothing can stand against the intense power of the Word of God. It will subdue any enemy and bring peace where chaos reigns.

The Word of God is a creative force: "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God" (Hebrews 11:3). It still has the power to create a miracle. The Word has the final authority in all things, and the Word shall not return void.

While my husband was pastor of Christian Life Center in Stockton, California, there was a young lady who became very ill. She lay in the hospital depressed, and the doctors had not given her much hope for her life. Our son, Nathaniel, who was full of the Holy Ghost and faith, took his Bible and went into that hospital room, which emanated the darkness of hopelessness. As he began to read the Word of God and as the words from the Bible filled the room, there was a shift in the atmosphere. Even the nurses noticed it. The once lifeless patient began to focus on her surroundings, and hope came back into her eyes. He and others from the church did this for several days; they were relentless in their pursuit of a miracle. As the Word was read, they penetrated the darkness. The day came when she finally was released from the hospital, not a dead woman but alive and well. Not long after that, on a Sunday morning, she told the pastor that the Lord

had given her a song. As she sang, "The Lord just keeps blessing me," the place was filled with the glory of God. The result of praying the Word was evident to all who knew what had taken place in a darkened corner of a ward at the county hospital.

The Word of God is life. It is a fire that burns the ropes of those who are bound. It is a joy to those who are sad. It brings peace to those who are apprehensive and afraid. It brings light to the darkness of the mind. Like a mighty ocean, confidence rolls in with a thunderous clap of applause, acknowledging to the soul that all is well, for faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

To pray the Word of God is to pray the mind and will of God. An anointing comes when the Word of God goes into the atmosphere. The power of the Word causes kingdoms to crumble, devils to tremble, and diseases to disappear. To pray the Word of God is the most powerful way to pray, for it is already written in heaven. God cannot lie, as declared in Numbers 23:19: "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

Fill the Brain with Power Verses of Scripture

Let God's Word dominate your thoughts. Get rid of doubt and carnal thinking, which are against God's will. Move that mountain with the Word!

Mark 11:22-24: "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou

cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass: he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

Mark 10:27: "And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible."

Luke 1:37: "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Jeremiah 32:17: "Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee."

Ephesians 3:20: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

I Know a Name

I know a soul that is steeped in sin,
That no man's art can cure;
But I know a Name, a Name, a Name
That can make the soul all pure.

I know a life that is lost to God,
Bound down by the things of earth;
But I know a Name, a Name, a Name
That can bring that soul new birth.

I know of lands that are sunk in shame,
Of hearts that faint and tire;
But I know a Name, a Name, a Name
That can set those lands on fire.

Its sound is sweet, its letters flame,
Oh, I know of a Name, a wonderful Name,
'TIS JESUS.

—Author Unknown[9]

6

The Power of the Name!

Where did the name *Jesus* originate? God sent Gabriel, an angel, to the city of Nazareth to speak to a virgin whose name was Mary. His message to her was this: "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest."

Mary, in great awe and shock, answered, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?"

Gabriel answered, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:31-35).

Isaiah prophesied this event hundreds of years earlier, when he was moved by God to write. The prophecy is recorded in Isaiah 9:6: "For unto us a child is born, unto us

a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

The carnal mind cannot understand who Jesus really is, because He is God manifested in the flesh. There must be a revelation of who Jesus is. John 1:1 states: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Verse 14 states: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

The Word was made flesh! One day, when he saw Jesus walking toward him, John the Baptist announced, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

Philippians 2:9, 10 states, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth."

Everything—all sickness, disease, and infection—must bow to Jesus and come under the dominion of the name of Jesus! The Scripture says things in heaven [angels], things in earth [people], and things under the earth [demons] have to bow to the authority and power of the name of Jesus!

There is something very significant about the name of Jesus. After the lame man had been healed by the gate Beautiful, there was a stir among the Sanhedrin court. Acts 4:6-7 says, "And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when

they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?"

They were interested in what authority the disciples represented. Peter answered them in Acts 4:10: "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole." He not only told them that the man was healed through the power of the name of Jesus but also continued to tell them that there was no other name by which they could be saved.

Acts 4:12 states this very emphatically: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

In I Corinthians 6:11, Paul reminded the Corinthian church that although they were once sinners, now they are clean through the name of the Lord Jesus: "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

There is power in the name of the Lord Jesus! This was demonstrated recently in Monciova, Coahuila, Mexico, in a church whose pastor was Jessy Martinez. He related that a lady named Laura started attending the church services. She had been diagnosed with terminal cancer. On several occasions she had been prayed for. One day Pastor Martinez felt directed to tell her, "Lady, if you'll get baptized in the name of Jesus, God is going to heal you." She obeyed, and a few days later when she went to the doctors for her checkup, the doctors declared her completely free of cancer!

Ask for Healing in the Name of Jesus

Consider the following verses of Scripture that give instructions to ask in the name of Jesus, as well as to do all things in the name of Jesus:

John 14:13-14:

Verse 13: "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

Verse 14: "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."

John 15:16: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

John 16:23-24: "And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

Colossians 3:17: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

Ephesians 5:20: "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Acts 3:6: "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none;

but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

Acts 8:12-13: "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done."

Take Authority in Jesus' Name!

What did the early church do, and how did they do it?

Peter said in Acts 3:6-7: "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up."

The man's legs did not straighten until Peter lifted him. After he lifted him in the name of Jesus, the Bible says, "And immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength" (Acts 3:7).

Peter did the following three things:

1. With authority he commanded the man to be healed.
2. He spoke in the name of Jesus Christ!
3. He took action and lifted the man by faith.

When the people wondered how this miracle of healing happened, Peter answered them in Acts 3:16: "And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all."

Paul invoked the name of Jesus over a girl who was being used to torment him and Silas. Acts 16:18 says, "And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and

said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour."

Paul did the following:

1. With authority he commanded the spirit to come out.
2. He spoke it in the name of Jesus Christ!

All Prayer Meetings Should Meet in His Name!

Matthew 18:19-20:

Verse 19: "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

Verse 20: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Ephesians 2:6: "[He] hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

There are many people meeting today in their own names or in the name of an unknown God. Satan as an angel of light is coming into this generation with all kinds of new-age doctrines. Jesus is not important to the ones who follow the false teachings. Just as the prince of the earth tried to do away with Jesus when He came to the earth in flesh, Satan is now trying once more to turn people's hearts from Him. I Corinthians 2:8: "Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

There are influential people who are instrumental in working against Jesus and His purpose of healing and salvation. They are purporting that healing and salvation come

through our inner person and that we are on a journey to light. They are false in their doctrines. Do not be deceived, but know that Jesus is and always will be the One who heals and delivers from sin! When they are gone and passed off the scene, Jesus will still be, for He is forever!

Jesus spoke in Revelation 1:8: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

I was Born to Win

I was born to win!
Though difficulties stand in the way
And darkness hides the light of day,
I choose to speak faith, not defeat;
It matters not the fire and the heat.

I was born to win!
Defiant words flung into the night,
Reaching upward with all my might.
For nothing can keep me down for long;
I'll just speak victory and sing a song.

I was born to win!
Though other tongues may seek to slay,
Trial and misfortune—come what may
It doesn't matter the time or place;
I will make it by His grace!

Though sickness comes my way,
The tormentor tries to slay,
Upon the Word of God I'll stand
And trust in His mighty hand.
For I was born to win!

—Joy L. Haney

7

Instant Healing or Recovery Healing?

Healing is in the atonement. Healing for the body and salvation for the soul are both in the atonement. Jesus bore our infirmities, our diseases, and our sicknesses, and what He bore for us, we do not need to bear. What He took upon Himself, we do not need to suffer. He has given us the gift of healing. "By whose stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 2:24).

When the prayer of faith is offered and the disease is rebuked, all things are in God's hands from that point. He does the healing and the recovery of the body. Whether it is done instantaneously or by gradual healing really does not enter into the picture. God's Word is true; our part is to believe and trust Him to completely heal the body. It is the will of God that we be healed: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (III John 2).

His stripes were not in vain. "By [His] stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 2:24).

Do not reason things out or equate your circumstances with those of someone else in the past or in the present. Believe only the Word of God, nothing else! "According to your faith be it unto you" (Matthew 9:29).

Mark 16:18 states: "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." This is a promise. The Greek words for "shall recover" are *kalos and kallion*. This means *shall be well*. The Word cannot lie. It will work if we will obey it to the nth degree.

The Bible is, to use juvenile language, a "show and tell" presentation. We have been shown how to believe the Word over our symptoms. We have been shown how to act on faith. It is up to us to act on it.

For example, when the four men carried a man who was sick of the palsy to Jesus, they could not get in the door. Therefore, they took some of the roof off the house where He was teaching and let the sick man down, through the roof. When Jesus saw the faith of the four men, He spoke to the sick man and instructed him to do something. All the faith in the world would not have made him whole unless he obeyed what Jesus told him to do. Jesus spoke, "I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house" (Mark 2:11).

This is the important point in the healing. He did not lie in the bed, but he got up. "And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion" (Mark 2:12).

In another example, when the woman with the issue of

blood heard about Jesus, the healer, she forgot about her symptoms although they were still there. All she could think was, *I have to touch Jesus; then I shall be made whole.* The faith and her desire were within her. Her disease was no longer paramount in her life; her belief in Jesus' power to heal superseded her condition. Jesus remarked about this very thing. "And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague" (Mark 5:34).

She started speaking within herself before she received her miracle. The healing came when she started confessing her faith. "For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole" (Matthew 9:21).

When ten men who were lepers saw Jesus, they lifted their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us" (Luke 17:13).

Jesus told them to go and to show themselves to the priest. They were not healed until they started on their way. The first footstep brought about their healing. "And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed" (Luke 17:14).

Recovery

Mark 16:18 affirms, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." That means they will get well. The word "recover" denotes that they have lost something and that they are going to get it back, as indicated in the story of David at Ziklag. When David and his men came home from battle one day, they discovered that the Amalekites had invaded their city and had taken everything. Their wives, sons, and daughters were taken captive, all their goods were gone,

and the city had been burned. David and the men wept until they had no more power to weep. Then the men in their grief and anger wanted to stone David, but David encouraged himself in the Lord.

First Samuel 30:8 narrates, "And David inquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all."

So David and the men went after the enemy and pursued them until they overtook them. They recovered all that the Amalekites had taken from them. "David recovered all" (I Samuel 30:19), plus some, as stated in I Samuel 30:26: "And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD."

So it is when the enemy steals your health, and sickness or disease takes over your body. God not only wants you to recover from that sickness, but He also wants to give you good health. He bore your sickness so that you could be healed.

The Bible calls sickness "captivity" in Job 42:10: "The LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before."

The devil smote Job with boils as stated in Job 2:7: "So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown." But God got the last word. He healed Job and gave him back twice as much as Satan took from him.

Jesus declared in Luke 4:18-19: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the

gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

When sickness comes, we are in captivity to it, but Jesus came to set the captive free and to let us recover from it.

Hezekiah knew that healing and recovery came from God, stated in Isaiah 38:16: "O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live."

Speech of the Mind

I wanted to affect the world and more
And walk through so many doors.
But first I had to do one thing:
Make sure of my inner king.

The one who ruled within my heart,
That secret place where I must start,
A place of information kept and stored,
Acknowledging to the world who is Lord.

Our lives become known—an open book
By what we say and how we look.
For as the wind blows upon the sand,
Our speech will affect the whole of man.

Speak well today, for posterity is listening;
Life moves on and is rapidly hastening.
The world waits with hushed breath;
What will we speak—life or death?

—Joy L. Haney

8

The Battle of the Mind

The mind is a battleground. Here battles are won or lost. Although Philippians 2:5 is speaking about the humility of Christ: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus," it is also important in every area of living to think like Christ.

Thoughts have substance. Your body is a very powerful transmitter and receiver of electrical energy. Each of your thoughts can have a powerful impact on the cells in your body. Positive, high-vibration thoughts can help rid your body of disease. Negative, stressful, low-vibration thoughts can make your body susceptible to disease.

The mind has to be greater than the flesh, as stated in Romans 7:25: "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin." The battle is in the mind.

This is addressed in II Corinthians 10:3-5: "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds:) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

Negative thoughts must be dealt with; every thought that is not in alignment with God's Word must go!

Convinced!

Until you are fully convinced that God wants you to be well, there will always be doubt in your mind as to whether or not you will be healed. As long as there is doubt in the mind as to whether or not you will be healed, faith cannot exist.

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

Abraham was convinced; therefore, he received his miracle as shown in Romans 4:19-21:

Verse 19: "And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:"

Verse 20: "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;"

Verse 21: "And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."

You have to be convinced that you are going to be healed!

James 1:5-7 commands: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord."

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)" (Hebrews 10:23).

Jesus admonished the people in Luke 12:29, "Neither be ye of doubtful mind." He knew that miracles could not be performed when there was doubt or unbelief. Mark 6:5-6 gives reference to this: "And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief."

Positive Mind Power

Dr. Norman Cousins's book, *The Anatomy of an Illness*, documents how, by laughing and reducing stress, without drugs or surgery, cancer was put in complete remission. This is in correlation with the verse of Scripture, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Proverbs 17:22).

A positive mental attitude is absolutely crucial to having healthy cells. There is a constant interplay between our mental and bodily reactions. If your cells are trying to live in a polluted environment, they cannot function properly to maintain the health of the body. You must nourish your brain cells to help them ward off sickness. The condition of the mind affects the health to a far greater degree than many

people realize. Many of the diseases from which men and women suffer are the result of mental depression. Grief, anxiety, discontent, remorse, guilt, distrust, heavy negative mental loads, all tend to break down the life forces and to invite decay and ill health.

Disease is sometimes produced and is always aggravated by the imagination. Courage, faith, sympathy, hope, and love promote health and prolong life. As your sense of well-being increases, your mind begins to produce more optimistic forecasts.

"There are many negative and destructive forms of thought which react in every cell in your body. The strongest is fear, and its child, worry—along with depression, anxiety, apprehension, jealously, ill-will, envy, anger, resentment, vengefulness and self-pity. All of these negative thoughts bring tension to the body and mind leading to waste of energy, enervation and also slow or rapid poisoning of the body. Rage, intense fear and shock are very violent and quickly intoxicate the system. Worry and other destructive emotions act more slowly but, in the end, have the same destructive effect. Anger and intense fear stop digestive action, upset the kidneys and the colon, causing total body upheaval (diarrhea or constipation, headaches, pains, fever, etc.)."[10]

"Your mind works through your brain and nervous system, generating thoughts that are converted into electrical impulses. These electrical impulses travel through the many nerves that are distributed to the various organs and tissues of your body, in much the same way as electricity moves through wires.

"For example, when you want to move your arm, before

the actual movement, a thought is first generated in your mind that causes electrical impulses to stimulate specific nerves that will in turn direct the muscles to your arm to contract. This sequence of events results in movement in your arm. . . . Because your brain can process approximately 600-800 thoughts every minute, you can see what an enormous impact your thinking and mental activity can have on the health of your body."[11]

Confident

I John 5:14-15 says, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."

Remember, His will is that you should "prosper and be in health" (III John 2).

God is our confidence, as declared in Psalm 65:5: "O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea."

Proverbs 3:26: "For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken."

Ephesians 3:11-12: "According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him." We have confidence in Jesus!

Hebrews 3:6: "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." We are His house! He will heal us and take care of us!

Hebrews 3:14: "For we are made partakers of Christ, if

we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end."

I John 3:21: "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God." We are confident that He is faithful!

Speak and Receive

Seek and you shall find;
Ask and it shall be thine.
Speak to a mountain; it shall leave.
You must speak what you believe.

What you say is what you get;
Life is just what you make of it.
Give and it shall be given; you shall learn,
Words that are spoken will have a return.

Bread cast upon the water will come back,
For in God's economy there is no lack.
What is spoken, that will be,
For words last through an eternity.

—Joy L. Haney

9

Speak to Your Mountain

"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**" (Mark 11:23, emphases mine).

What is a Mountain?

A mountain is anything that keeps you from receiving your miracle. A mountain is any spoken words you hear, any reports, facts, or any barriers that would loom large in your way to a miracle.

Jesus said to *speak* to the mountain. Words that are spoken are very important to healing. Speak to your mountain of sickness or disease! Tell it that it must go in Jesus' name! In the 1990s, a cyst was discovered in the front part of my neck. After a biopsy was performed, it swelled to the size of

a small lemon underneath the skin.

I went to a ladies' retreat in Missouri, and while I was there, prayer was made for me concerning this growth. After prayer a lady minister said, "The work is done." So from that point, when someone would ask me about my cyst, I would say, "I am healed; it is gone," even though the growth was still there.

Then in my prayer time I would speak to the cyst and would tell it to dry up and to leave, to be gone in Jesus' name! I continued to speak faith to others and continued to speak to the cyst at various times. As I combed my hair, I would say, "Cyst, I command you to leave my body!"

Other times, I would be driving the car when I said, "I bind you, cyst, in Jesus' name, and command you to go. I loose healing into my body."

The cyst appeared unchanged for about three months, but one day I awoke and it had disappeared. When I went back to the doctor, he asked me what I had been doing. I simply said, "We've been praying."

In the beginning of the development of this cyst, he had told me that nothing could make the cyst go away except surgery. So this was a miracle both to him and for me. Matthew 21:21 and Mark 11:23 became living words to my soul; they really did work!

Dr. Cho relates a powerful story of the effect of speech on the body in his book, *The Fourth Dimension*. One morning as Dr. Cho was sharing breakfast with one of Korea's leading neurosurgeons, who was telling him about various medical findings on the operation of the brain, the doctor said these words: "Dr. Cho, did you know that the speech center in the brain rules over all the nerves? According to

our recent findings in neurology, the speech center in the brain has total dominion over all the other nerves." He said that the speech nerve center had such power over all of the body that simply speaking can give one control over his body, to manipulate it in the way he wishes. He said, "If someone keeps on saying, 'I'm going to become weak,' then right away, all the nerves receive that message, and they say, 'Oh, let's prepare to become weak, for we've received instructions from our central communication that we should become weak.' They then in natural sequence adjust their physical attitudes to weakness."[12]

The opposite is true when positive words of faith are spoken. After prayer is made over a health condition and the Word is read, then the mouth should start confessing with conviction these words: "I am healed according to I Peter 2:24. Strength is coming into my body. I am fearfully and wonderfully made. God is healing me; every organ in my body is receiving healing power. I am healed in Jesus' name!"

Speak it in the morning, in the noontime, throughout the day, in the evening, and at night. Speak only positive faith in the face of negative facts and doubt, for in the Scriptures we are instructed to speak!

Resist Satan

Punch him with the Word! Jesus knocked Satan out of the arena of the world with the words, "It is written." "But he answered and said, It is written" (Matthew 4:4).

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). You resist him by speaking to him in the name of Jesus!

Luke 10:17 states the power that the seventy people whom Jesus sent forth experienced: "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name."

The devil is not as powerful as some people try to make him out to be. He is not on the same level with God. There is only one who is all-powerful, and that is God! The devil has limited power, and that power is allowed by God. God has the authority to snatch his power from him at any time.

God has also given His children power over the devil, but they must exercise that power with authority. Speak like you mean it! "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4).

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues" (Mark 16:17)

God's children have the power to speak to the devil by the power of Jesus' name, and he absolutely has to run from you. He has no choice. He trembles at the name of Jesus. "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble" (James 2:19). Who is God? Jesus! The devils know this, and they are afraid of Him.

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh [Jesus], justified in the Spirit [Jesus], seen of angels [Jesus], preached unto the Gentiles [Jesus], believed on in the world [Jesus], received up into glory [Jesus]" (I Timothy 3:16).

Speak Victory

Don't be down in the mouth, but speak like you know

who your Father is. All of heaven is on your side; why not act like it? "What shall we then *say* to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31, emphasis mine).

Proverbs 6:2 says, "Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth."

Snared means to be caught in a trap, or to be entangled with deception. To be *taken* means to be captured or brought into captivity. The mouth can do all that!

You can speak your way to victory, or you can speak your way to continued sickness. The tongue has rule over the body. It can unleash feelings and emotions into the body's nervous system, simply by the words that are spoken.

Confess victory! Confess your freedom from the curse of sin and sickness! "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free" (Galatians 5:1).

Confession is affirming something that we believe. To confess is to admit as true, to assent to, or to acknowledge.

Romans 10:9 explains how important confession is: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

When Jesus was being tempted by the devil, He spoke the Word in answer to the temptation. He never argued, relented, or became fearful. He simply spoke, "It is written."

Christians must speak the Word just as boldly as the sinner speaks his fears.

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

Let the words of my mouth be acceptable in thy sight. What is acceptable to God? His Words spoken out loud in the face of sickness and disease.

Learn to speak the Word of God when sickness or disease threatens to overtake you, because Hebrews 10:23 encourages the believer to do so: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)." Although there are many Scripture verses to speak, listed below are a few with which to begin:

Psalm 27:1: "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Isaiah 41:10: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Psalm 30:2: "O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me."

Psalm 36:9: "For with thee is the fountain of life."

Psalm 56:3-4: "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me."

Psalm 103:2-3: "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

Psalm 118:17: "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

SPEAK FAITH

"The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy

heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach" (Romans 10:8). God wants your mouth to speak the Word at all times concerning your situation.

Do not speak doubt or confess that you are not healed. Speak only the Word. When you confess your doubts and fears, it strengthens the stronghold of thought that says Satan has power over your body.

When you read the Word, talk the Word, act the Word, and confess the Word, the Word will live and pulsate within you and cast out the sickness and disease that is trying to overtake you. The Word is greater than the sickness!

Speak faith even when weak. Speak faith even during the hottest trial. Speak faith when your very existence is threatened, for faith is needed most when the dark clouds surround you and the sun is obscured.

Whether faith is shouted aloud in the hardship or spoken softly because of a weakened body, the voice of faith will be heard, and God will respond!

Author's Note

To help ingest and absorb the Word of God into your consciousness, if you live a very busy lifestyle, if you are a shut-in, or sick and too weak to read, if a child is fearful at nighttime, or if you are the mother of young children, there are CD's that are available so you can listen to the WORD. One that my daughter-in-law, Kim Haney, suggested is the following: New Testament Audio Bible on CD by Thomas Nelson, but there are many others that are on the market. If you want the Word to live powerful in you, you can do it if you really want to do so.

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About the book:

This book *Healed in the Name of Jesus* is very much needed in this generation where disease and sickness are running rampant. The power of the early church to heal and deliver demonstrated in the book of Acts is still present in Today's church. I believe this book is to be printed at this time because of divine intervention. I had worked on the manuscript while living in Stockton, before we moved to St. Louis, in the winter of 2001. Then in 2004 I worked on it a little more, saved it on a disk, and totally forgot about it.

While working on another book this year (April 2008), I inserted this disk, and there it was: the original title *Healed in Jesus' Name!*

I told my husband about this event, and he said I should finish the book and get it published now. So immediately I set to work to accomplish this. May it be a blessing to you, your friends, and your family, and may the Lord heal you of all your diseases in Jesus' name!

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